

REMARKS

The Sequence Listing submitted herewith including a submission of the Sequence Listing, a computer readable copy thereof, the present Preliminary Amendment and Transmittal, Statements in Support of Filing and Submissions in Accordance with 37 CFR §1.821-1.825, Sequence Listing Computer Printout, and Certificate of Mailing are believed to bring the above-captioned case into full compliance with all sequence listing requirements. No new matter has been added to the application.

Support for the abstract can be found in the specification as originally filed, particularly on page 1, and in the claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 13, 15, 18-28, 31-39, 42-53, 55-104, 106-113, and 138-162 have been amended, and claims 3, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 29, 30, 40, and 114-137 have been canceled without prejudice to their pursuit in an appropriate continuation or divisional application. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 13, 15, 18-28, 31-113, and 138-162 are pending in the application.

Support for the amendments to claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 13, 15, 18-28, 31-39, 42-53, 55-104, 106-113, and 138-162 may be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. Many of the amendments made were made simply to bring the claims into conformity with U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments.

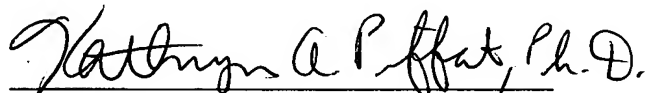
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all outstanding rejections have been addressed by this submission and that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Applicants hereby petition for four (4) months extension of time and submit the extension fees accordingly. Applicants believe that no additional extension of time is required. If, however, a petition for an additional extension of time is required, then the Examiner is requested to treat this as a conditional petition for an additional extension of time. Although it is not believed that any fee is required, in addition to the fee submitted herewith, to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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